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January 11, 2013

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared, RM-11683, IB Docket No. 12-340,
Reply Period

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As County Judge Executive of Graves County, Kentucky, a rural county in far Western Kentucky, I understand rural America. And unfortunately one thing I understand is that without some serious improvement in the telecommunications infrastructure available to rural America, it cannot compete on an even playing field with other areas.

Traditionally, rural counties like Graves County have been underserved by every form of telecommunications, and it is no different with cell phone service, or wireless broadband internet service. That is why I write today to support LightSquared in its efforts to bring this service to rural America.

I understand how difficult it is to attract business to rural areas, and in particular how hard it is to attract telecommunications businesses. So, when I read that a national wireless carrier like America 4G writes, "We believe that with LightSquared's wholesale business model and network, we will be able to provide new and innovative services to the American wireless market," I have to believe that this is part of the solution to rural America's problem with poor cell phone service.

LightSquared's new 4G system is the only system that I know of that can provide rural areas of America, including many here in Kentucky, with the type of good quality cell service and broadband wireless internet service that these communities need in the Twenty-first Century. I urge the FCC to approve LightSquared's application for a license modification.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tony Smith, Judge Executive
Graves County, Kentucky